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**THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.**  
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#### DEATH.

On or about the 7th inst. 1892, CHARLES EDWARD BOWERS, late of Messrs. Watson & Co., died at his residence, Hongkong. (By telegram.)

#### THE DAILY PRESS.

HONGKONG, AUGUST 11th, 1892.

It is certainly a rather remarkable coincidence that following close on the announcement of the result of the General Elections in Great Britain should come a telegram stating that the Russian expeditionary force had entered the Pamirs. The Conservative Press may be excused for connecting it with the virtual accession of Mr. GLADSTONE to power. The Russian Government and Press are known to regard Mr. GLADSTONE as more favourable to Russia and France than to the Powers forming the Triple Alliance, and they may not unreasonably have determined to take this step just on the eve of his picking up the reins, in the hope that other matters would engross the new Premier's attention too closely to permit him giving much consideration to so remote a question. Of course this may be quite all wrong, and the Russian statement, which seems, from yesterday's telegram, to be that the movement is directed against China only, may be the correct one. If that were the case, and if British Indian interests were not concerned, we should be inclined to think the two Powers might settle the matter without British or Afghan interference. But this is not quite so clear as we could wish to see it. The facts about this Pamir question are not too well known. Late last year some excitement was created by the Russian assertion of the Russian claim to the sovereignty of the Pamirs. A Russian officer in command of a Cossack detachment turned back Captain YOUNG and Lieut. DAVISON, and expelled a Chinese detachment from the Alichur region, which is considered a dependency of Kashgar.

The case for Russia was stated in January last by the *Nova Zembla*, which says that it is plain from the dispatch of

Lord GRANVILLE to Lord LORRAINE, the British Ambassador at St. Petersburg, dated Oct. 17, 1872, that the entire Pamir, from the north to the Sarykol Sea and the sources of the Panj, unquestionably belong to Russia's sphere of influence. No doubt the "sphy" of the Chinese in past years has strengthened Russian pretensions. The Chinese, for instance, allowed Russia to advance up to Irkeshtam, in Western Kashgaria, and since 1870 Russia has openly claimed it as a concession made by YAKOVLEV, at a time, however, when he was in revolt against China, and *de facto*, but not *de jure*, ruler. It is true that the claim was disputed by the Marquis TENNA in 1880 when negotiating the treaty relating to Kulджа, but we are not aware that any official recognition of the protest was made by Russia either at the time or subsequently. Only after the expulsion of their troops from Alichur did the Peking Authorities begin to wake up to the fact that Russia was not joking, but really meant business. Shortly after that event they requested the Governor of the province of Kashgar, which borders on the Pamir, to give his opinion upon the Pamir question. That official sent a memorandum to Peking, which was as duly received. The Governor showed that it was in China's interest, and especially in the interest of the province of Kashgar, that the Pamir should become the property of England. He added that if the Russians possessed themselves of this territory, the commerce of Kashgar with India would be seriously hampered. China ought to do all in her power to unite the Pamir with India, as this was the only means of saving China's commerce by land. Accordingly with a view to interesting England in the matter Captain YOUNG and Lieut. DAVISON were well received by the Chinese officials when in Turkestan. China was reported later on to be prepared to take a bold stand in the matter, but she seems to have done nothing, and would not doubt prefer that England should pick the chestnuts out of the fire for her. Possibly the Peking Government think that they have only to stand out against the Russian claim, as they did over the Kulджа business, and Russia will eventually give way. But if the Russian Government has decided that the time has come for a forward movement they will not be daunted by the flourish of a Chinese fan, and it is quite possible that the seizure of Alichur is but the preliminary step to a well planned endeavour to recover the Kulджа and to eventually annex the whole of Kashgaria.

The country known as the Pamirs is a mountainous region lying to the north of Cashmere, and from the height, vastness, and grandeur of these mountains, Captain YOUNG and Lieut. DAVISON seem to form the culminating point of Western Asia. Thibet has been called "the roof of the world," but the gulf of the Pamir is named "the Pamir region merits the title. The name, he says, singularly appropriate, for once through the gorges which lead up to the plains one enters a region of broad, open valleys separated by comparatively low ranges of mountains. These valleys are known as pamirs—pamir being the term applied by the natives of those parts to a particular kind of valley. The Tugh-Dum-Bash Pamir runs as low as 10,000 feet; but, on the other hand, at its upper extremity the height is over 15,000 feet, and the other Pamirs vary from twelve or thirteen to fourteen thousand feet above sea level. That is, the bottoms of these Pamir valleys are level with the higher summits of the Alps. During the whole three weeks Captain YOUNG and Lieut. DAVISON on the Tugh-Dum-Bash Pamir the thermometer never fell more than five degrees below zero Fahrenheit. It will be seen therefore that the country in dispute cannot be of great value to any Power except as a base for future operations. Kulджа, on the other hand, which China succeeded in snatching back from the Muscovite grip, is a fertile oasis in the Mongolian wilderness of rocks and deserts which in times of peace is the key and granary of Western Mongolia. The Chinese are masters of this province now, but Russia intends ultimately to regain it, and so long as she keeps her eyes and hands off India or its frontier, it would be bad policy on the part of England to attempt to balk her.

What has China ever done for England? Has she ever made a single concession to her voluntarily, or shown the faintest sign of friendly feeling? One of the first things the Chinese did on reestablishing themselves in Kashgar was to exclude the tents of Assam. Yet when they find Russia advancing into the Pamirs they desire England, for their good friend. Just so did the monkey in the fable mist the good offices of the cat. But the old Lion is, we hope, more wary than the smaller feline, and will object to turning his paws for the deletion of any simian.

The delivery of the French mail was begun at 9.40 p.m. on Tuesday.

The Glen Linn steamer, *Glenora*, from London, left Singapore on the afternoon of the 9th inst. for this port.

The Indo-China steamer *Kutang*, from Calcutta and Straits, left Singapore at 11 a.m. yesterday for this port.

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